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# CRAN NEWSLETTER

JUNE-JULY 2016 "FAITH WITH DEEDS"

## CRAN FRUENDESKRIES INVITES CESS COORDINA- TORS TO GERMANY FOR A CRAN CAMPAIGN

Christian Rural Aid Network (CRAN) has over the past twenty (20) years worked hand in hand with its German partners CRAN Freundeskreis (CRAN FR) on a shared vision of "communities without poverty". It is on this note that two staff of CRAN Benedicta Afram (CESS/Public Relations Officer) and Sebastian Agbodzi (CESS/Agricultural Technical Officer) were invited by CRAN FR to Germany for a CRAN Campaign event.

The goal of the campaign was to create a greater awareness of CRAN and its projects in Germany in order to solicit for support for CRAN's projects, as well as to give staff an insight of the life and work of CRAN Freundeskreis. CRAN Staff were in Germany from the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 to 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 and visited districts in Baden-Wurttemberg, Lower Saxony, Hamburg and North Rhine-Westphalia where invited staff were exposed to various aspects of German culture. Series of presentations about CRAN were also made by CRAN staff to various contacts of CRAN Freundeskreis in Germany.



Sebastian and Benedicta with the members of CRAN Freundeskreis Germany at their annual meeting in Lutzel, Germany.

## FIDELITY SMART ACCOUNT PROJECT

The Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) Project is ongoing in the Volta Region and among its goals is to ensure that farmers have access to financial services. It is on this note that CARI went in partnership with Fidelity Bank to implement a project called the Fidelity Smart Account Project. The project is a mobile banking project which is meant to make it easy for people in rural communities and farmers to have access to banking services like savings and loans. The role of CRAN is to mobilize farmer based organizations and register them for the project as well as locating agents at access points to receive farmer's deposits. The project which began in June is due to end in December this year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ENA ADOGLI!



CRAN and CRAN MF staff were present to support the branch manager of CRAN MF Ena Addo now Mrs Adogli and her husband Mr. Gilbert Morgan Adogli on their wedding ceremony held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 .

## UPDATE ON CASSAVA AND GARI MILLING PROJECT

The first phase of the Cassava and Corn Milling Project which began in May 2016, sponsored by German embassy was successfully completed in June 2016. It entailed the clearing of project site and buying of building materials as well as the cassava and corn milling machines. Currently the project is in its second phase which is construction of the building structure for the milling. The foundation of the building has been completed with community members providing stones and labor to support the work of the masons. The community members are in joyful anticipation of the completion of the project in November 2016.



*On the left is the Programs manger of CRAN Teye Kodzi inspecting the site, bellow and on the right are the cassava and maize milling machines purchased for the project*

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